



EB-2014-0039

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., pursuant to section 36(1) of the Act for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale, distribution, transmission, and storage of gas as of April 1, 2014; and

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism approved by the Ontario Energy Board in proceedings: RP-2000-0040, RP-2002-0133, RP-2003-0203 and EB-2008-0106.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member and Vice Chair

Marika Hare
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS
July 15, 2014

Background

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“Enbridge”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on March 12, 2014 under section 36 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, storage, and transmission of gas effective April 1, 2014. The application was made pursuant to Enbridge’s approved Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism.

The Board issued its Decision and Interim Order on March 27, 2014.

A Decision and Order was issued on May 22, 2014 which, among other things, directed eligible parties to file their cost claims with the Board and Enbridge no later than June 4, 2014. Enbridge had until June 11, 2014 to object to any aspect of the costs claimed. Any responses to Enbridge's concerns were to be filed with the Board and Enbridge by June 18, 2014.

The Board received cost claims from the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"), the Consumers Council of Canada ("CCC"), the Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"), Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario ("FRPO"), the Industrial Gas Users Association ("IGUA") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC"). On June 12, 2014, FPRO filed a corrected cost claim.

On June 11, 2014, Enbridge filed its response to the cost claims filed and stated that it had no objections to the cost claims from CME, CCC, Energy Probe, IGUA and VECC. By another letter dated June 13, 2014, Enbridge stated that it had no objection to FRPO's cost claim.

On June 25, 2014, IGUA filed a supplemental cost claim for review of Enbridge's revised calculation for Rider C.

On June 26, 2014, the Board issued its Final Rate Order.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claims of CME, CCC, Energy Probe, FRPO, IGUA and VECC. The Board finds that the parties that have filed cost claims are eligible for 100% of the incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that all the claims are reasonable and each of these claims shall be reimbursed by Enbridge.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge shall immediately pay the following amounts to the intervenors for their costs:
 - Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters \$6,930.29;
 - Consumers Council of Canada \$3,729.00;
 - Energy Probe Research Foundation \$1,671.52;
 - Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario \$3,356.10;
 - Industrial Gas Users Association \$4,463.86; and
 - Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition \$514.50.

2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Enbridge shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, July 15, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary